Honorable Alfonse M. D'Amato James M. Hanley Federal Building 100 S. Clinton Street, Rm. 841 P.O. Box #7216 Syracuse, New York 13261

Dear Representative D'Amato:

Thank you for your letter of November 2, 1998, on behalf of the Honorable Edward A. Hanna, Mayor of the City of Utica, New York, concerning the Bossert Manufacturing Superfund Site (Site) located in Utica, New York. In Mayor Hanna's letter, he expressed concern regarding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) decision not to remove 29 presses (i.e., machines) which were used in the manufacturing processes at the Site.

The Site is an abandoned production facility located at 1002 Oswego Street in the City of Utica, Oneida County, New York. The Site consists of a 175,000 square foot building situated on approximately six acres of land. During the time period from 1896 until the mid-1980's, the Bossert facility was used for the stamping, welding and fabrication of sheet metal items such as brake backing plates and steel floor grates. During its operation, oils containing polychlorinated biphenyl compounds (PCBs) were utilized in transformers and machinery. As a result of past manufacturing practices and salvage operations at the Site, interior surfaces (i.e., walls and floors) as well as machinery and other structures within the building, became contaminated with PCBs.

EPA's initial involvement at the Site was the result of an October 1986 referral from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). EPA's assessment of the Site revealed that conditions met the criteria for a removal action. Consequently, EPA secured the funds necessary to perform a cleanup. Approval to begin removal activities was obtained on

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